

Tech Road and Daffodil Drive Rights-of-Way Closure

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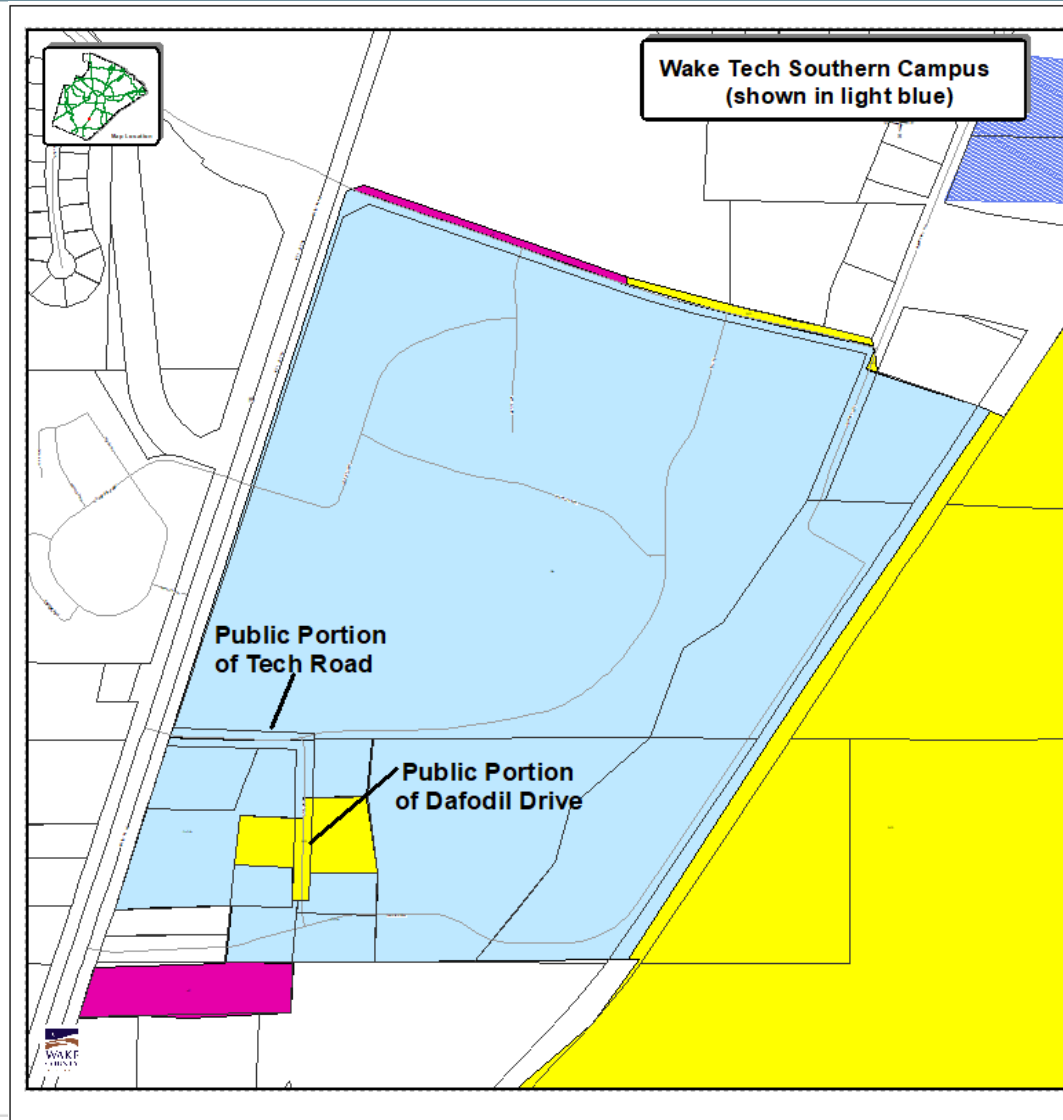


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Need for Rights-of-Way Closure

- Due to construction of NC 540 just north of their southern campus, Wake Tech will lose its Old McCullers Road entrance off of US 401, which will result in a significant increase in traffic using Tech Road and create congestion and safety concerns.
- Wake Tech has indicated that the closure of these rights-of-way and their conversion to private roads is necessary to accommodate the construction of a traffic circle at the Tech Road and Daffodil Drive intersection to improve traffic flow and safety.

Location of Rights-of-Way to be Closed



Previous Board Actions

- On November 16, 2020 the Board adopted a resolution to support the petitioners' request that the State Board of Transportation abandon Tech Road and Daffodil Drive from the state road maintenance system.
- The State BOT abandoned the roads at their February 4, 2021 meeting.
- With the roads no longer under the “control and supervision” of NCDOT, the authority to close the rights-of-way falls to Wake County.
- On February 1, 2021 the Board adopted a resolution, as required by NCGS, declaring their intent to close the subject rights-of-way and setting the public hearing for March 1, 2021.
- This public hearing is the third and final step in the rights-of-way closure process.

Staff Findings

1. The North Carolina Board of Transportation has abandoned the relevant portions of Tech Road and Daffodil Drive from the state road maintenance system.
2. With these two roadways no longer under the “control and supervision” of NCDOT, the authority to close the rights-of-way falls to the Board of Commissioners.
3. Wake Tech has indicated that the closure of these rights-of-way and their conversion to private roads is necessary to accommodate the construction of a traffic circle at the Tech Road and Daffodil Drive intersection to improve traffic flow and safety.
4. The two remaining residential property owners on Daffodil Drive are supportive of this effort and will be provided with a permanent access easement.

Planning Staff Recommendation

That the Board of Commissioners APPROVE the closure of the rights-of-way of Tech Road and Daffodil Drive as requested.



Public Hearing

Suggested BOC Motion

That the Board of Commissioners:

1. Holds a public hearing and approves the closure of the rights-of-way of Tech Road and Daffodil Drive as requested.
2. Directs county staff to continue receiving public comments on this item until March 2, 2021 at 5:00 PM, and to place this item on the agenda of the March 15, 2021 Board meeting.